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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director
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Attention: Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming, MS 82

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: Metropolitan Transportation Commission's FTIP Amendment 03-08

We have completed our review of Amendment 03-08 to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) 2003 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). This amendment was submitted with your letter dated July 31, 2003. The MTC Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 3500, revised on July 23, 2003, approving these program modifications. The amendment includes primarily transit projects funded with FTA Section 5307 and 5309 funds. It also includes projects funded through other state and federal programs.

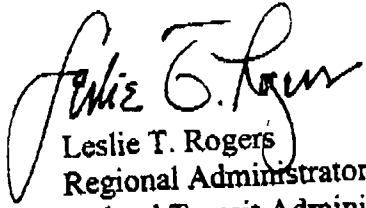
This letter constitutes joint FHWA/FTA approval of all the projects into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP. The changes made to the program by this amendment are to projects that are either exempt from the conformity determination requirement in accordance with 40 CFR 93.126-93.127 or that are included in both the current FTIP and in the regional emissions analysis for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and FTIP. Therefore, we find that the changes to the program made by this amendment do not require a conformity determination. This finding has been coordinated with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 office.

FHWA and FTA accept these program modifications in accordance with the federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations. FHWA and FTA find that MTC's FTIP Amendment 03-08 was developed through a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134 and the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53).

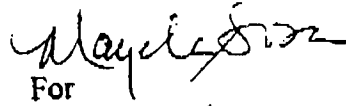
This programming approval is for those projects in the first three years (FY 03, 04 and 05) of the FTIP. FHWA and FTA accept those projects programmed in the fourth year and beyond for informational purposes only. Transit projects listed after September 30, 2004, are not eligible for pre-ward authority at this time.

If you would like to discuss this amendment approval please contact Ms. Mayela Sosa of FHWA at 916-498-5022 or Ms. Donna Turchie of FTA at (415) 744-2737.

Sincerely,



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